

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for October 25, 2016

Attendance: Wendy DeMann, Wendy Parsons Baker, Will Perez, Rebecca Santa Cruz, Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

Excused: Syanna Madsen, Sara Roach

1. Minutes for September 27, 2016 were approved. New Member Wendy Parsons Baker was introduced. Rebecca can't open the pdf files. Mary Ann will send them as a Word document.
2. Wendy Parson Baker asked about the BMW building construction. Mary Ann said the building has been altered but she has encouraged them to maintain the south end of the building that features unique architecture and lettering that documents the county firestation.
3. Mary Ann Kirk reported on the following items:
 - A total of 147 attended the Poison Plot event and was well received. The Alano Club appreciated the opportunity to expose their services to the public. We may consider using this facility for other events. Wendy is going to take a break from writing scripts and next year Mary Ann hopes to produce a Halloween play at the Murray Theater which is a historic building. The City will allow a play produced internally if seating is limited to under 100.
 - She attended a museum conference workshop about summer museum camps and hopes to implement the ideas next year with two hour camps for one to two weeks. The biggest challenge is a space for hands-on activities in city hall. Will thought parents would like workshops for children. She advertised the new position opening in January 2017 and thinks we will get a good number of applicants.
 - We did not get the state archive grant for rescanning and preserving our photos at a higher resolution. The Marriott Library is changing their system and Mary Ann is trying to find out if the photos we have on their server will migrate to the new system. One of our museum volunteers is going through all the photos we have on disk and noting the resolution of each.
 - A potential buyer for the Ore Sampling Mill is interested in the connection to Jesse Knight. He is interested in a mixed use with a possible small museum about the Knight family and mining. The city is working on a blight process that they think will help with this project.
 - Mary Ann reported that USU is building a USU extension on the corner of 4800 South State. She also shared plans to demolish several buildings at #6 and #20 East 4800 South. They used to be on the local registry but we removed them because of alterations. Board members suggested we ask the contractors to watch for artifacts that might be found as they demolish the buildings. Board members were interested in having Tim Tingey visit in January to update them on historic preservation efforts related to the MCCD.
 - As suggested by Ian, a follow-up letter to the Mayor regarding the museum location was drafted and reviewed with information from the board discussion in September. A few locations were added to the previous list including the Ore Sampling Mill, original firestation, and Murray Merc. All of these locations need more research. Wendy Parsons Baker suggested we add the addresses. Board members agreed the letter should include the museum vision statement and be sent to both the Mayor and City Council. Mary Ann will arrange a tour of the Murray Cahoon Mansion for our next board meeting on November 22.
 - A job description for a new 40 hour staff position was reviewed. Per request by the city, the title was changed to Cultural Arts Administrative Assistant. Mary Ann has patterned it after the assistant for the Park Center and used wording from her job description with some added emphasis on the history components. Both positions will cross train for arts and history. She hopes that both staff members will rotate between the museum and the parks office as

they work on both arts and history programming. Mary Ann's job is 30 hours but likely will be changed to a 40 hour position when she retires. She hopes to maintain the 20 hour part time position to help at the museum and other programming.

4. Meeting schedule was confirmed for 2017. Meetings are set for the 4th Tuesday of every month at 4:30 pm with the exception of December including January 24, February 28, March 28, August 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, and November 28.
5. Wendy DeMann nominated Syanna Madsen as the new board chair. Board members agreed if Syanna is willing. Mary Ann will confirm with Syanna who was not in attendance.